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SUBJECT: OECD ELECTIONS FOR 1974: COMPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

1. HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND COUNCIL DECEMBER 11 CONSID*RED
AND APPROVED SECGEN'S PROPOSALS FOR ELECTIONS FOR 1974
(DOCUMENTS C(73)215 AND CES/73.109).

2. PROPOSALS DID NOT INCLUDE NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMANSHIP
AND VICE-CHAIRMANSHIPS OF COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, SINCE
SECGEN HAS NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM PERSON HE WISHES TO
NOMINATE. SECGEN SAID HE WOULD WISH COUNCIL TO SET DATE FOR
1974 MINISTERIAL SOON (PERHAPS WHEN CHAIRMANSHIP DECIDED);
WASHINGTON VIEWS ON DATE WOULD BE WELCOME.

3. SECGEN ALSO PROPOSED (DOCUMENT C(73)245) ADDING NEW (13TH)
SEAT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ALTERNATELY BY AUSTRALIA
AND NEW ZEALAND. NEITHER COUNTRY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FLOATING
SEAT, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD ON ROTATING BASIS BY ONE OF
OTHER NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF EXCOM. COUNCIL ACCEPTED SECGEN'S
PROPOSAL AFTER INTERVENTIONS AT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING HEADS OF
DELS MEETING BY TURKEY, GREECE, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN, WHICH
COMPLAINED ABOUT "DISCRIMINATION" THAT GIVES SOME NON-PERMANENT
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MEMBERS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON EXCOM THAN OTHERS. U.S.

REP AGREED TO SECGEN' S PROPOSAL AD REFERENDUM; WE RECOMMEND
ACCEPTANCE AND PLAN TO LIFT RESERVE UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY
BY DEC 17.

4. PERMANENT MEMBERS OF EXCOM ARE CANADA, FRANCE, GERMANY,
ITALY, JAPAN, UK AND US. ELECTED MEMBERS FOR 1974 ARE TO BE
BELGIUM, SWEDEN, PORTUGAL, SWITZERLAND, AUSTRALIA AND, IN THE
FLOATING SEAT, NORWAY. AMB OCKRENT (BELGIUM) WAS RE-ELECTED
CHAIRMAN OF EXCOM (EXCEPT IN SPECIAL SESSION).BROWN

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